

## FORM B - BUILDING

**Date** (*month / year*): June 2018

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

### Photograph



### Locus Map



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**Organization:** Hanson Historical Commission

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**Town/City:** Hanson

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*):

**Address:** 621 Pleasant Street

**Historic Name:** James and Sophia Bourne  
House

**Uses:** Present: Single-Family  
Residential  
Original: Single-Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1854

**Source:** White's History, Plan 8 No. 62 Page  
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**Style/Form:** No Style

**Architect/Builder:** Daniel C. Chester

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Aluminum Clapboard,  
Wood Clapboard/Wood

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Prefabricated metal shed to southeast of house

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*): Addition to  
east façade, aluminum siding, and replacement  
windows

**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no ☒      yes ☐      **Date:**

**Acreage:** 1.85 Acres

**Setting:** Located on a rural roadway which  
connects Main Street to the Monponsett area at  
the south end of Hanson and is characterized by  
single family homes on large, open residential lots

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The one-and-a-half-story cottage has a large, gable-end roof over an original rectangular footprint. A much lower, one-story, cross-gable roofed addition begins on the east gable-end of the building and extends to the south. A short corbeled brick chimney is located at the center of the south roof slope of the original house. The roof of the gable-end extends out only slightly beyond the gable facades with wide, aluminum wrapped eaves and soffits below the roof. The roof overhangs the gable-end pediment with wide aluminum clad eaves, deep soffits, and a wide cornice board running around the outer edge of the pediment below. The cornice board dies into the narrow returns at each corner of the pediment. The original house is aluminum clapboard sided with aluminum trim encasing or replacing most of the original wood trim. The addition, though, is wood clapboard sided with wood trim including a wide cornice board below the projecting eaves on the west façade, corner boards, and box style returns at each corner of the south gable-end below narrow bands of wood trim surrounding the eaves. The double hung windows are a mix of one-over-one, two-over-two and six-over-six wood windows.

The house faces west towards the road and has two double hung windows located in the center of its gable-end. Two more windows are located on the first floor of the house to the left of the front entrance, which is located in a wide painted wood surround. The outer edge of the entrance is finished in wide wood molding with block style trim at the corners. The door is centered within the frame and is a wood door with four panes in its upper half, now located behind a metal storm door. Solid, undecorated wood panels have replaced the sidelights to either side of the door, which opens onto a short cement stoop with stairs leading into the yard. To the right, a second entrance is located in the far left corner of the low gable façade of the addition. This door has the same short cement stoop and storm door but is a solid wood paneled door with two small panes of glass at its upper edge. Two double hung windows are located to its right and a cement walkway leads south from the door to the driveway.

On the north façade of the house, two double hung windows are located in the eastern end of the façade. On the south façade, a single double hung window is located near the center of the building with a pair of double hung windows to its right. These windows project out slightly from the south façade in a shallow square bay that has a narrow band of asphalt shingle roofing over its upper edge. The west façade of the addition has an uneven gable-end which a short west roof slope that ends just below the eaves of the original house and a much longer east slope. Centered on the south façade is a pair of double hung windows with a large arched glass transom above. An open wood deck is visible on the east façade around the southeast corner of the building. The deck has wood railings with square, capped posts and square balusters. Wood lattice covers the area below the deck as well.

The house sits on a relatively flat, open site with grass lawn surrounding the house and an unpaved driveway to the south. Mature trees line the north and south property lines and dense vegetation surrounds the property to the east. A metal prefabricated garden shed with a shallow gable end roof is located in the southeast corner of the property. A line of trees and larger bushes runs along the north side of the driveway and a bird bath is located at its center.

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### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

According to White's History of Hanson, the house was built in 1850 by James Bourne Sr. and Daniel Chandler for James Bourne. On the 1856 Walling Map of Hanson, "J.A. Bourne," is shown as living on Pleasant Street, then known as Cedar Street, just to the south of "J. Bourne." Both houses are located on the east side of Pleasant Street, where no one is shown as living in 1830, further supporting White's timeline. James A. Bourne (1796-1869) was a farmer born in Pembroke to James and Tamar Bourne. He was married twice – first to Priscilla C. Thomson of Pembroke in 1815 and later to Sarah Sturtevant in Hanson in 1864. James Jr. (1827-1910) was the son of James A. and Priscilla and is listed in the 1860s state and federal censuses as a shoemaker. James Jr. was also married twice – first to Sophia C. Reed of Pembroke in 1854 and after her death in 1861, to Mercy J. J. Jellison (also T.T. Tillison) of Bridgewater in 1862. For decades, the Bournes were the only residents of the area, and by the 1903 Richards Atlas, the area was locally known as "Bournetown."

According to White, James A. built the house for his son, presumably around the time of James Jr. and Sophia Reed's wedding, with Pembroke housewright Daniel C. Chandler (1835-1888), who is first listed as a housewright in the 1855 state census and is listed in Pembroke as both a housewright and farmer through the 1880s. James Jr. and Sophia lived here throughout their married life but after his second marriage to Mercy, James moved his family to Pembroke, where he was working in a sawmill according to the 1870 U.S. Census. In 1865, James and Mercy sold the Pleasant Street home to Augusta and Levi Lane.<sup>1</sup> Levi Irvin Lane (1842-1907) was born in Gloucester and was still listed as a mariner in the 1870 U.S. Census. He married Augusta Bourne, daughter of Charles and Deborah Bourne, who also lived on Pleasant Street to the south of James A. Bourne, in 1864. In the 1880 U.S. Census he is listed as a farmer living in Hanson with Augusta and their five children. On the 1879 Walker Atlas, "I. Levi" appears as living in the location of the James A. Bourne house, while "C.T. Phillips" is listed in the James and Sophia Bourne house. This suggests two possibilities – that Levi purchased additional properties during his residency on Pleasant Street and that he moved to the James A. house and rented out his earlier home, or that there is a discrepancy in the 1879 map as to who had purchased which James Bourne house.

In any case, Levi appears to have left Hanson after Augusta's death in 1886, and later appears in 1900 as living in Whitman where he worked as a pensioner's attorney. His estate continued to own the property until 1931, however, when it was passed down to Rose Lane Pickett and her husband, Henry M. Pickett (1878-1924).<sup>2</sup> Rose (Rosetta) A. Lane was the daughter of Augusta and Levi Lane and had married Henry Pickett of New York in Whitman in 1896. While an "E. Lane" is shown on the 1903 Richards Atlas as living on the property, the Picketts are listed as living on and farming the property by the 1910 U.S. Census. White's History also refers to the house as belonging to Mrs. Rose Pickett, who remained there with her son, Carlton Irving Pickett (1897-1982), after Henry's death. In 1942, she shared ownership of the property with Carlton, who also farmed the site and added to the size of the property during his ownership. Carlton sold the property in 1941 to Grace and Harold C. Jones.<sup>3</sup> Harold Jones died in 1953 and in 1956 Grace lost the property to foreclosure. The Montello Federal Savings and Loan took over the property and sold it to John F. and June Willis,<sup>4</sup> who subdivided the property and sold it off over the next few years. In 1957, the house lot was sold to Kenneth J. Eckart and Beverly A. Eckart.<sup>5</sup> The Eckarts only remained here for two years, however, before selling the house to Leon A. Hargett in 1959. Hargett also lost the house to foreclosure, and in 1962 the Worcester County Institution for Savings sold it to the Veterans

<sup>1</sup> Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 330, Page 1934

<sup>2</sup> Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1609, page 68

<sup>3</sup> Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1881, page 592

<sup>4</sup> Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 2520, Page 233

<sup>5</sup> Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 2599, page 154

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Administration which in turn sold it to Walter R. and Armandina Berry.<sup>6</sup> In 1984 Armandina Berry, now Armandina Tavares, sold the property to its current owners, Cynthia and John Anderson.

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<sup>6</sup> Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 2935, Page 461